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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service;
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter provides notice that on June 1, 2005, Todd B. Lantor, Chief Regulatory Counsel of Nextel Partners, Inc. ("Nextel Partners"), along with Albert J. Catalano of Catalano & Plache, PLLC, counsel to Nextel Partners, met with the following representatives of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau: Narda Jones, Chief; Mark Seifert, Assistant Chief; and Pam Slipakoff. Also present were legal interns Christy Schinka and Jennifer Freeman.

At the meeting, the attendees discussed a number of issues related to ETC applications following the Report and Order released March 17, 2005 in the above-captioned proceeding. Nextel Partners noted an apparent inconsistency between the reporting dates set forth in the Report and Order and the Nextel Partners Designation Order. The new five year reporting period was also questioned as unrealistic. In addition, Nextel Partners raised certain concerns regarding the increased flexibility of states to make public interest determinations, the ability of states to impose local usage requirements and the legality of requiring equal access as a condition of ETC status.

Also, please note for your records the above change in address of counsel in this docket. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Albert J. Catalano

cc: Narda Jones
Mark Seifert
Pam Slipakoff

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